

David to the Philistines

1 Sam 27:6-28:2

Step one: I will pursue man's point of view.

Step two: I will run from my problems

Step Three: I Will Make My Own Decisions.

1 Sam 27:6

Ziklag. Abandoned city 12 mi N of Beersheba on border of Negev, the south country.

Years before given to tribe of Simeon

Taken over by Philistines

Deserted.

When news got to Saul's army--Some deserted and came to join David's army.

1 Chr 12:22

David's men in thousands.

David, in land of Philistines, just across border of Israelites.

ie. A Christian just inside world and its philosophy but still near to Christians

1 Sam 27:7

16 months.

Not uncommon for child of God to go to world and stay awhile out of will of God.

- Abraham
- Lot

1 Sam 27:8

Invaded: invade for plunder

Shur: eastern frontier of land of Egypt; wall.

Series of walls or fortresses along to keep out enemies.

1 Sam 27:9

David stripped dead bodies.

None of this done in will of God.

David moves from being deceitful to being a murderer.

He killed everything that was alive.

Took animals to feed his people.

1 Sam 27:10 And Achish said, Whither have ye made a road to day?

Whom have you raided today?

David accountable to Achish.

David chose to lie.

Jerahmeelites: another part of Judah

... against the south of the Kenites: tribe of father-in-law of Moses.

David tells Achish he has been raiding Israelites (south into Judah).

He has been raiding Amalekites.

He has been killing every human being so no captives have been brought back.

Duplicity! Webster: deception by pretending.

Person pretends to be one way on outside and all the time feels opposite.

David, in heart was Israelite.

Typical of many of God's people today.

Carnal corral. Inside they are believers...outside look like rest of world.

This lifestyle creates need to compromise.

1 Sam 27:11

David killed everyone so that lies not discovered.

Killed all babies.

Roe: Actually what David is doing is planning for the future. He is securing the borders of Judah. He is removing these wandering tribes that strike on camels overnight then dash back into the desert. He is getting very rich by retaliating. For sixteen months he does this and every time Achish seeks an accounting of the spoils, he cheats Achish out of his share. He surely isn't going to give Achish any clothing because Achish would immediately recognize it as not being Jewish. David could maybe give him camels or a few things that had no identifying marks, but he isn't going to give him anything identifiable. So he's even cheating on his feudal lord. Mind you, for sixteen months he has been slaughtering babies and maintaining this deceit and this is "a man after God's own heart." All the while, of course, he's feeling more and more secure, more and more accepted...

1 Sam 27:12

David gaining more prestige with king of Gath and less with King of Universe.

On outside everything appears to be going great for David.

On inside giving ground to Satan.

Satan gained foothold in David's life in arena of truth.

Eventually truth will surface. Psa 85:11

Roe: ... We cannot trace any psalms back to this period.

God begins to squeeze.

1 Sam 28:1

David, we are mounting a massive attack on northern Israel.

Get ready to go with me, you and your men.

Massive campaign against Saul.

Covenant with Saul.

Remember: Saul's blood belongs to Jehovah.

Caught in middle. Either way you lose.

Be sure your sin will find you out.

1 Sam 28:2

David has to make a choice. Either be a hypocrite or die.

...keeper of mine head for ever. Personal bodyguard.

Captain of my body-guards.
David has to move back to Gath.

Important truths

1. Beware of Self-Pity.

Self-pity leads to irrational behavior.

Irrational behavior leads to Sin.

Sin leads to destruction.

2. Beware of Forgetting Promises of God.

Heb 2:1

Look out when you

- lose sight of will of God for life.
- allow focus to be taken off eternal and placed on temporal.
- willing to sacrifice future on altar of immediate.

3. Be Careful of Prayerlessness

He didn't appeal to God.

He didn't turn to God in midst of crisis.

He took things in own hands and came up with own solutions to problem.

1 Sam 27:1

There is nothing better for me to do than to run from my problems to the enemies of God. I guess I will go to the lost for their counsel. My fundamental Christian friends have forsaken me, I guess I will go to the world. So he goes.

4. Be careful not to interpret lack of pressure as will of God.

David thought that since received protection and friendship in land of Philistines must be in will of God.

5. Be careful when you Don't Take Advantage of Goodness of God.

Don't abuse Grace of God in life.

6. Remember--God is God of Second Chances.

God didn't give up on David.